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AMMENDED CLAIMS

Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office
Attention: Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby amends the application claims as follows:

- (1) Claims 1- 22 cancelled;
- (2) Add new claims 22-44 as attached;
- (2) Authorization to charge deposit account no. 50 3830 in the amount of \$25 to cover the fee for the additional new claim..

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Respectfully submitted,



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What is claimed is:

Claims 1 through 21 (cancelled)

22. (New) A method of forming an ID card for identifying a subject comprising the steps of:

providing a means for interfacing with a portable electronic storage medium;

forming personal information about said subject on said portable storage medium;

forming unique identifying indicia of said subject on said portable storage medium;

forming a software program on said portable storage medium that will function independent of said means for interfacing.

23. (New) The method as set forth in claim 22 wherein said identifying indicia includes at least one of a personal information field, a photo, a streaming video, a voice recording, and fingerprints.

24. (New) The method as set forth in claim 23 wherein the means for interfacing with said storage medium contains a memory of a computer.

25. (New) The method as set forth in claim 23 wherein the storage medium includes at least one of a CD-ROM, a compact disk, a mini disk, a smart card, or any other electronic storage medium.

26. (New) The method as set forth in claim 24 including the fail-safe step of erasing said identifying indicia from said memory.
27. (New) The method as set forth in claim 25 wherein selected portions of said identifying indicia is encrypted.
28. (New) The method as set forth in claim 27 wherein said portable electronic storage medium is given to an entity having legal custody of said subject.
29. (New) The method as set forth in claim 27 wherein a decryption key is provided to an appropriate authority for disbursement of portions of said indicia should the subject go missing.
30. (New) The method as set forth in claim 27 wherein the encrypted indicia includes at least one of; fingerprints, date of birth, social security number, residence, and medical conditions.
31. (New) The method as set forth in claim 23, wherein said ID card includes a program to update contents of said storage medium.
32. (New) A method for providing personal information to an appropriate authority for use in locating a missing subject, comprising the steps of;
- storing on an electronic storage medium unique identifying indicia of the subject including at least one of a photo, a streaming video, and a voice recording of the subject;

retaining the storage medium separate from the subject and separate from a centralized storage facility; and,

utilizing the storage medium to deliver the indicia to the authority should the subject go missing.

33. (New) The method as set forth in claim 32 wherein the identifying indicia include at least one of fingerprints, date of birth, social security number, residence, and medical conditions of the subject, and including the additional steps of:

encrypting selected portions of the identifying indicia; and,

providing the authority with a decryption key.

34. (New) A method for providing personal information to a third entity for use in locating a missing subject, comprising the steps of;

storing digital physical indicia of the subject on an electronic storage medium in the data format for direct computer dissemination;

encrypting portions of the data;

giving possession of the storage medium to a second entity which is separate from, but associated with, the subject;

providing a third entity, with no prior association with the subject or the second entity,

with a decryption key in advance of dissemination;
and,

utilizing the electronic storage medium to
deliver the data to the third entity.

35. (New) An apparatus for enrolling identification
data for an ID card of a subject, comprising;

a means for entering personal information and
identifying indicia of said subject;

a camera for recording picture images of said
subject; and,

an apparatus for combining said personal
information and said picture images simultaneously.

36. (New) An apparatus for enrolling identifying data
of a subject as in claim 35 wherein said combining
said personal information and said picture images
are on a computer memory.

37. (New) An apparatus for entering identifying data as
in claim 36; wherein said apparatus purges said
memory upon completion of said enrollment.

38. (New) An apparatus for use by an appropriate
authority to assist in locating and identifying a
missing subject comprising:

an electronic storage medium containing unique
identifying indicia of the subject;

means for encrypting selected portions of the
stored indicia; and

means for formatting said storage medium to enable direct entry of the stored indicia into an electronic communication system of the authority.

39. (New) The apparatus as set forth in claim 38 wherein the electronic communication system includes an email.

40. (New) The apparatus as set forth in claim 38 wherein the electronic communication system includes broadcast media.

41. (New) An apparatus for providing personal information to an appropriate authority for use in locating a missing subject comprising;

an electronic storage medium storing digital physical indicia of the subject in a data format for direct computer dissemination;

means for encrypting portion of the data; and,

a decryption key for said encrypted portions; and,

means for delivering said key to the authority in advance of dissemination.

42. (New) A method for locating and identifying a missing child comprising the steps of:

providing a legal guardian of the child a kit including a picture ID card of the child and a CD storing unique identifying indicia of the child including encrypted forensic indicia;

utilizing the picture ID to begin a stage one search should the child go missing;

utilizing the CD to initiate a stage 2 search, if necessary, to electronically disseminate certain identifying indicia to involved third parties; and,

utilizing a previously supplied decryption key to initiate a stage three search, if necessary, to electronically disseminate certain encrypted indicia of a forensic or private nature to an appropriate authority.

43. (New) The method as set forth in claim 42 including the step of providing a streaming video and a streaming audio of the child as part of the stored indicia.

44. (New) The method as set forth in claim 42 including the step of providing a set of digital fingerprints of the child as part of the encrypted forensic indicia.